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SUGGESTED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

FOLLOWING ARE DRAFT Q'S AND A'S FOR POSSIBLE USE WITH
PRESS IN MADRID:

1. Q. WHAT DOES SPAIN GET FROM THE TREATY, ESPECIALLY IN U.S. AID?

A. THE NEW AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR A GENERAL ENRICHMENT OF
SPANISH/U.S. RELATIONS. IT COVERS COOPERATION IN A NUMBER OF
FIELDS INCLUDING ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL, EDUCATIONAL
AND CULTURAL, AS WELL AS MUTUAL COOPERATION IN THE DEFENSE FIELD.
THE TOTAL OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT COMES
TO \$735 MILLION OVER FIVE YEARS OF WHICH \$600 MILLION WILL BE
CREDITS. THE AGREEMENT ALSO PROVIDES FOR \$450 MILLION IN
EXPORT-IMPORT BANK CREDITS FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF SPAIN'S
ENERGY AND INDUSTRY SECTOR AND THERE ARE TO BE \$35 MILLION IN
GRANTS FOR SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL
COOPERATION.

SOME OF THE PRECISE ITEMS ARE STILL PENDING AND THE VALUE TO SPAIN
OF NUMEROUS OF THESE ITEMS SUCH AS SHIP TRANSFERS AND PLANE EXCHANGES
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IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE EXACTLY. THE TOTAL PACKAGE SHOULD CONTRIBUTE

SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE DEVELOPMENT IN SPAIN IN ITS ROLE AS A PARTICIPATING MEMBER IN WESTERN DEFENSE.

THE ASSISTANCE IS IMPORTANT OF COURSE. BUT IN MY JUDGMENT THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THIS TREATY IS THE PLACING OF THE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE U.S. ON A MORE MODERN FOOTING, ONE CLEARLY FOUNDED IN EQUALITY.

2. Q. DOES THE TREATY MEAN THE U.S. WILL WITHDRAW ITS NUCLEAR FORCES AND WEAPONS FROM SPAIN?

A. THE TREATY STIPULATES THAT THERE WILL BE NO NUCLEAR DEVICES ON SPANISH SOIL. IT ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE NUCLEAR SUBMARINE SQUADRON AT ROTA BY THE DATE OF

3. Q. DOES THE U.S. PLAN TO MAINTAIN CURRENT TROOP LEVELS AND ARMAMENTS AT ITS INSTALLATIONS ON SPANISH FACILITIES?

A. THE U.S. WILL REMOVE THE 98TH STRATEGIC WING OF AERIAL TANKERS FROM SPAIN EXCEPT FOR A SMALL DETACHMENT OF NOT MORE THAN FIVE AIRCRAFT WHICH WILL BE AT ZARAGOZA. THE U.S. ALSO WILL WITHDRAW THE NUCLEAR SUBMARINE SQUADRON FROM ROTA BY

4. Q. ARE THERE ANY SECRET ANNEXES TO THIS DOCUMENT, OR SPECIAL CONDITIONS PERHAPS RELATED TO SPANISH INTERNAL POLITICS?

A. THE ANSWER IS NO. THERE ARE NO SECRET ANNEXES OR ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS NOT STATED IN THE TREATY, INCLUDING ITS SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXES. THERE ARE NO REFERENCES AT ALL, EITHER EXPLICIT OR IMPLICIT, TO SPANISH INTERNAL POLITICS OR DEVELOPMENTS.

5. Q. DOES THE DOCUMENT PROVIDE FOR FACILITIES IN THE CANARIES?

A. NO, IT DOES NOT.

6. Q. DOES THE NEW AGREEMENT PROTECT SPAIN AGAINST RECEIPT OF OBSOLETE MILITARY HARDWARE AND MATERIEL AS HAS OCCURRED UNDER PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS?
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A. THE U.S. HAS COMMITTED ITSELF TO PROVIDE CERTAIN LEVELS OF ASSISTANCE IN TERMS OF DOLLAR CREDITS AND GRANTS. THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT WILL BE ABLE TO ALLOCATE THOSE FUNDS FOR EQUIPMENT -- NEW OR USED -- IN ACCORD WITH ITS PREFERENCES.

7. Q. HOW DOES THE U.S. FEEL ABOUT THE FACT THAT THE SPANISH PEOPLE WILL NOT HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO VOICE THEIR OPINION ON THE AGRE-

EMENT?

A. I DON'T PROPOSE TO COMMENT ON THE SPANISH RATIFICATION PROCESS, WHICH IS AN INTERNAL MATTER. BUT THE TREATY IS NOW IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN. I WOULD HOPE THAT PUBLIC OPINION IN BOTH SPAIN AND THE U.S. WOULD CONCLUDE THAT THIS TREATY IS IN THE MUTUAL INTEREST OF BOTH COUNTRIES.

8. Q. WHAT DO YOU THINK THE ATTITUDE IN CONGRESS WILL BE TOWARD A NEW DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP WITH SPAIN?

A. I CANNOT SPEAK FOR CONGRESS, OF COURSE. BUT THERE IS MUCH GOOD WILL IN MY COUNTRY - REFLECTED IN A RECENT SENATE RESOLUTION - TOWARD SPAIN AND THE COURSE SHE HAS EMBARKED UPON UNDER HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT. I HOPE THE CONGRESS AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE SENATE WILL RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE U.S. AND SUPPORT THIS TREATY. I HAVE SOME REASON TO BELIEVE, ON THE BASIS OF INITIAL SOUNDINGS, THAT THIS WILL BE THE CASE.

9. Q. WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY ABOUT FREQUENT ALLEGATIONS OF CIA INVOLVEMENT IN SPANISH POLITICS?

A. WE DO NOT, AS A MATTER OF POLICY, COMMENT ON CIA ACTIVITIES, AND YOU MUST KNOW THAT THESE ALLEGATIONS AROUND THE WORLD USUALLY SERVE A POLITICAL RATHER THAN A JOURNALISTIC PURPOSE. I WILL SAY, HOWEVER, THAT IN OUR RELATIONS WITH SPAIN WE RESPECT THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION.

10. Q. IS THERE ANY REFERENCE TO A SECURITY GUARANTEE, E.G., IN CASE OF WAR, OR BINDING LANGUAGE REGARDING SPAIN'S EVENTUAL ENTRY INTO NATO?

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A. THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR SPANISH/U.S. COMBINED PLANNING BODY TO COORDINATE OUR RESPECTIVE MILITARY ACTIVITIES AND TO DRAW UP CONTINGENCY PLANS. THE TEXT OF THE TREATY CONTAINS A PROVISION THAT THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES OF EACH PARTY MUST BE FOLLOWED BEFORE ANY PLANS ARE IMPLEMENTED. THE AGREEMENT ALSO RESTATES THE LONG-STANDING U.S. SUPPORT FOR A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SPAIN AND NATO.

11. Q. WHAT IS YOUR VIEW OF OUR NEIGHBOR, PORTUGAL?

A. PORTUGAL HAS HAD A VERY DIFFICULT TRANSITION SINCE THE REVOLUTION OF APRIL 1974. SINCE THE FRUSTRATED EXTREME LEFT COUP ATTEMPT OF LAST NOVEMBER, IT NOW APPEARS THAT DEMOCRATIC FORCES ARE BEGINNING TO TAKE HOLD AND GIVE DIRECTION TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DESIRES OF THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE. THE U.S.

STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE EFFORTS OF THE PRESENT PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT.

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12. Q. IS THE RUSH TO SIGN THE TREATY AFTER MONTHS OF STALLED NEGOTIATIONS A SIGN OF SUPPORT ON THE PART OF THE U.S. FOR THE NEW SPANISH REGIME AND FOR THE PROCESS OF DEMOCRATIZATION IN SPAIN?

A. AT THE OUTSET OF HIS MAJESTY'S REIGN, PRESIDENT FORD SENT A LETTER WITH VICE PRES. ROCKEFELLER EXPRESSING THE WARM SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR THE KING AND THE SPANISH PEOPLE IN THIS NEW ERA. SINCE THEN, ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS MADE CLEAR ITS SUPPORT FOR THE KING AND HIS GOVERNMENT AND FOR THE COURSE THEY HAVE CHOSEN TO LEAD SPAIN TOWARD A MORE RESPONSIVE AND REPRESENTATIVE SOCIETY, ONE MORE CLOSELY LINKED WITH HER EUROPEAN NEIGHBORS. CERTAINLY THIS TREATY EVIDENCES OUR SUPPORT FOR SPAIN AND THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO A FLOURISHING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

13. Q. THE TOTAL DOLLAR VALUE IN THE AGREEMENT IS MUCH LESS THAN THAT RECEIVED BY OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE A DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. WHEN WILL AID TO SPAIN INCREASE?

A. YOUR PERCEPTION IS INCORRECT. BUT I MUST EMPHASIZE THAT ANY RELATIONSHIP SHOULD BE JUDGED IN RESPECT OF THE BENEFITS TO THE OVERALL NATIONAL INTERESTS. AROUND THE WORLD WE HAVE STRATEGIC

RELATIONSHIPS, WHICH HAVE BEEN JUDGED BY OUR PARTNERS TO BE IN
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THEIR NATIONAL INTEREST, EVEN THOUGH THE MONETARY VALUE OF THE
COOPERATION VARIES GREATLY WITH THE CIRCUMSTANCES. IN THE CASE OF
SPAIN, THE TOTAL VALUE OF U.S. COOPERATION IS VERY SUBSTANTIAL
AND OF CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE IN RELATION TO SPANISH NEEDS.

14. Q. DOES THIS DOCUMENT RELATE TO THE DECLARATION OF
PRINCIPLES OF JULY 19, 1974 BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE U.S.?

A. THE TREATY REFERS SPECIFICALLY TO THE DECLARATION OF
PRINCIPLES AND IT STATES THAT THE SPANISH-U.S. DEFENSE
RELATIONSHIP IS CONSISTENT WITH THE DECLARATION.

15. Q. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE LEGALIZATION OF THE COMMUNIST
PARTY IN SPAIN?

A. WHAT SPAIN DOES IS UP TO SPAIN. BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT WHERE
COMMUNIST PARTIES ARE LEGAL THEY HAVE CONTRIBUTED PARTICULARLY TO
DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.

16. WHY DOES THE U.S. OPPOSE DEMOCRATIZATION IN SPAIN?

A. WE DON'T AND, IN FACT, THE US HAS MADE CLEAR ITS SUPPORT
FOR THE COURSE THE KING AND THE GOVERNMENT HAVE CHOSEN TO
LEAD SPAIN TO A MORE REPRESENTATIVE SOCIETY. BUT WE ARE NOT PRE-
PARED TO OFFER A PRESCRIPTION ON HOW SPAIN SHOULD ARRANGE ITS
INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

17. Q. WHAT IS THE U.S. POSITION ON SPANISH INTEGRATION INTO THE EC?

A. IN THE TREATY WE HAVE DECLARED OUR "FAVORABLE UNDERSTANDING OF
THE SPANISH OBJECTIVE" OF "FULL INTEGRATION IN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC
COMMUNITY." THE UNITED STATES FULLY SUPPORTS
SPAIN'S DESIRE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE INSTITUTIONS OF WESTERN
EUROPE.

18. Q. WHY DOESN'T THE U.S. GIVE SPAIN BENEFITS UNDER THE
GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES, AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO
CORRECT THE U.S./SPAIN TRADE IMBALANCE?

A. AS YOU MAY KNOW, THERE HAVE BEEN INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS
REGARDING THE GENERAL PREFERENCE BENEFITS AUTHORIZED BY THE
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UNITED STATES TRADE ACT OF 1974. THUS FAR IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE
TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW AND INCLUDE SPAIN IN THE LIST
OF BENEFICIARIES, BUT THE NEW TREATY PROVIDES THAT THE SPANISH AND
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED TO REINFORCE THEIR
CONSULTATIONS REGARDING THE MOST APPROPRIATE MANNER BY WHICH
SPAIN MAY QUALIFY. THE TREATY ALSO PROVIDES THAT BOTH PARTIES
"WILL SEEK TO AVOID THE DISEQUILIBRIUM THAT COULD BE MUTUALLY
DISADVANTAGEOUS IN THEIR OVERALL ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP."
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